

Weston Public Library Board
Regular Meeting

Tuesday, April 2, 2013

7:45 PM, Library Conference Room

Present: Library Board members: Michael Bellacosa, Joan Henderson, Anne Hunt, Lynne Langlois, Sherry Pallay, Barbara Gross, Chairman Amy Sanborn, Denis Toner; Director Karen Tatarka

Absent: Richard Ross

Meeting called to order by Chairman Sanborn at 7:50 PM.

Treasurer's Report:

- Member Toner reviewed the Third Quarter Financial Report. Among the transactions, the library received \$1200 for filing the CT state report.

Endowment Fund:

- The disposition of the Vitale estate is still under discussion.
- Member Toner earmarked a conservative fund for the money from the Vitale Bequest. As a courtesy, he discussed the specifics with Rick Darling.

Programs:

- A motion was put forth by Member Langlois and seconded by Member Bellacosa to approve up to \$500 for a Parisian themed concert by Matthew Harrison and Vlada Yaneva that will take place on May 5. Chairman Sanborn, Members Pallay and Ross will coordinate food and Member Hunt will purchase paper goods.
- Discussion continued concerning a possible speaker on the Second Amendment.

Policy

- Chairman Sanborn is waiting to hear from Pat Sullivan to determine whether the guidelines in the Library Bylaws concerning the election of officers should be changed to coordinate with the new Town Charter election policy.
- Director Tatarka will begin work on developing a more comprehensive and current collection development policy.

Budget

- Director Tatarka and Member Toner met with the Selectman concerning the Library budget. Member Toner provided metrics to the Board of Finance related to patron use and expenditures of our library relative to other towns.
- In order to increase visibility, Member Bellacosa suggested having a quarterly televised interview with Director Tatarka so she could inform the public about library news and scheduled events.

Directors Report:

- The proposed reduction to C card funding is no longer being discussed by the Governor's office.
- The gate count decreased from 4712 to 4597 and facilities use by outside groups increased from 40 to 42 this past month. There were nearly 700 checkouts on ebooks.
- Director Tatarka received approval from the Town to connect the community room doors to the fire alarm system. The Library will switch alarm companies because the current company has been unresponsive to our concerns.
- A pest control schedule was initiated.
- The furnace stopped working so it will be fixed this month.
- The VGA connection on the projector was fixed.
- The David Connell Silent Movie event, sponsored by the Friends, was well received. There was a good turnout for the Life of Pi movie. Additional events that took place this month included Teen Tech week and an E-book reader open house.
- Several Library events are planned for April in honor of poetry month. Les Miserable will be the movie of the month. During the school break, the Library will sponsor Family Fun week. Currently, there is a photography exhibit in the conference room. Weston Newcomers and Neighbors Club had their annual newcomers event at the Library. Director Tatarka also plans to participate in the Snap Shot Day.
- At the recent Flag meeting, Maker Spaces were discussed. The staff has attended several professional development meetings this past month.
- Zinio and Indieflicks have launched. Zinio will offer 14 magazines. Indieflicks is being promoted at the Weston schools by the film teacher.
- A plan is underway to fix database errors in the art and non-fiction collection that occurred when the library was first automated. Director Tartaka will explore options for allowing our patrons to put holds on DVDs.
- Karen will routinely post Library events at town hall.

Technology Planning:

- The technology committee will meet next week to continue discussions concerning redesign of the Library website.

Space Planning

- The space planning committee met this month and will be scheduled to meet again in April. Several architectural/design firms are being reviewed.
- Chairman Sanborn suggested that the committee consider coordinating a strategic plan with space planning.

Friends:

- Member Pally reviewed past and future scheduled programs.

- Chairman Sanborn and Member Hunt will contact the Friends to begin coordinated a plan for the 50th anniversary celebration. Chairman Sanborn suggesting selling reusable bags or mugs.
- Chairman Sanborn presented a program called “Great Decisions from the Foreign Policy” that she thought the Friends might consider sponsoring. Over the course of 12 sessions, world events topics are discussed and debated. Member Pallay will propose the idea to the Friends.
- The Friends are planning a New Yorker Magazine program that would run for 6 weeks. In addition to seeking funds from the Weston Educational Foundation, they will ask the Weston Senior Center if they are interested in co-sponsoring the event.

Minutes:

- A motion was put forth by Member Hunt and seconded by Member Toner to approve the March minutes as amended. Members Langlois and Pallay abstained. Otherwise, the vote was unanimous.

New Business:

- The Library has been invited to participate in the Memorial Day parade. Member Pallay will ask the Friends if they are interested.

On a motion by Member Bellacosa, seconded by Member Groves, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Pallay
Secretary